Guidelines for Development

Commercial development in the Biscoe Planning Area is designated under three categories: Central Commercial, General Business and Highway Business. The following policies served as guidelines in planning:

- Provide a compact, convenient and attractive central commercial area to serve the pedestrian shopper.
- 2. Locate establishments requiring large amounts of storage and outdoor display space, and requiring curb cuts for automotive traffic, in general business areas adjacent to central commercial area.
- 3. Establishments that serve the traveling public or handle bulky items will be accommodated in areas on major thoroughfares so as not to disrupt normal traffic and pedestrian movement in the central area.
- 4. Require all new establishments to provide adequate offstreet parking and loading facilities. Where space is available, existing establishments should also provide such facilities.
- 5. Locate offices and institutional type establishments along the outer edges of commercial areas to serve as a buffer between more active commercial establishments and abutting residential areas.
- 6. Require adequate building setbacks for sufficient visibility, light and air and also for sidewalks and landscaping.
- 7. Use attractive fences, landscaping and open space to separate land uses that may adversely affect each other.

Central Commercial Area

Commercial activity in Biscoe is now focused along the east side of the first three blocks of South Main Street (U. S. 220) and the first block and a half of both sides of East Main Street (N. C. 24-27). The development plan calls for the revitalization of this area and its future expansion along both sides of the first three blocks of Oak Street. Oak Street will become